

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE SIXTY FIRST ANNIVERSARY
JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT UNITY
LEE COUNTY, MISS.
SEPTEMBER 16. 17 AND 18

1913.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday before the 3rd Lord's Day in September
1914, With the Church at Friendship
Lee County Miss.,
Six miles Southeast of Baldwyn.

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

J. R. G. Gregory Moderator Dorsey, Miss
 D. R. Bickerstaff, Clerk, Dorsey, Miss
 C. S. Gregory, Treasurer, Ratliff Miss

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

C. A. Gilbert, G.S. Raburn Ratliff, Miss.
 J. R. G. Gregory, N. T. Clayton, J. B. Loden, E. L. Gillentine, E.
 D. Moody, A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.
 Frank Monaghan, Nettleton, Miss
 W. W. Jarrell, Fulton, Miss.
 S. P. Harris, Plantersville, Miss.
 J. C. Lawhorn, Shannon, Miss.
 S. S. Houston, Baldwin, Miss.
 W. O. Thornley Saltillo, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

W. D. Cayson. W. H. Hodges Ratliff.
 Oscar Petty, Plantersville.
 H. Rea. Nettleton.
 R. M. Price, Mccresville.

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES

THE Judson Baptist Association met in Sixty First Annual session with the Church at Unity, Lee County, Miss., September 16, 1913. The Association was opened by singing and prayer, led by Eld C. A. Gilbert. Eld. C. A. Gilbert preached the introductory sermon, text 1st Kings 18-21. Theme Christian duty; after which the Association took a recess until 2:00 o'clock, benediction by Eld. W. G. Gray.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, devotional exercises led by Eld Lawhorn. The Moderator being absent Eld. Gregory was elected Moderator pro tem. The list of churches were then called and letters from these churches handed in. Eld. W. G. Gray and Bro. E. N. Pettigrew were appointed reading clerks. Letters were read and names of Messengers were enrolled, viz:

FRIENDSHIP: W. L. Barnett, A. F. Phillips, Troy Buse, Homer Mobley,

EVERGREEN: Shelly Armstrong, S. D. Armstrong, Mary Armstrong, Tarlie Stegall.

OAK HILL: W. H. Flynn, R. L. Butler, J. C. Lawhorn, P. M. Deaton.

CENTER HILL: S. P. Harris, W. M. Birmingham, E. N. Pettigrew and Walter Whitfield.

OAK GROVE: C. A. Gilbert, W. H. Hodges, W. H. Leigh, T. R. Nichols.

PLEASANT HILL: J. L. Christian, J. A. Christian, Will Gregory and J. A. Malone.

BOUGEALA: J. B. Cayson, T. B. Taylor, J. M. Ford, J. R. G., Gregory.

UNITY: D. R. Raper, W. M. Whitaker, J. L. Fargerson, L. A. Herri-

MANTACHIE: S. H. Turner, B. F. Chilcoat, N. L. Maxwell, R. Bennett

UNION HILL: Y. H. Ivy, Marion Conley, Murphy Minga, J. L. Louis.

FELLOWSHIP: A. J. Sandlin, E. Bynum, J. W. McKissack, Ethel Bynum.

TOM BIGBEE: G. S. Raburn, W. E. Walker and L. J. Thomas,

MT. VERNON: B. F. Kitchens, D. B. George, Jim Waddle, J. D. Wileman.

SHILO: G. W. Collum, D. F. Richards, O. W. Houston, W. O. Collum.

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LIBERTY: A. S. Brown, A. G. Ridings, Oscar Petty and E. M. Blount.
BETHEL: J. M. Tackett, J. B. Loden, D. R. Bickerstaff, R. S. Sheffield and R. E. Summers.

The Association then went into permanent organization which resulted in the election of Eld. J. R. G. Gregory Moderator, D. R. Bickerstaff, Clerk, and C. S. Gregory Treasury.

Petitionary letters were then called for, petitionary letter from Temple Chapel was handed in and read; by motion the Church was received into this Association and the names of its messengers enrolled, namely: T. H. McClure, W. E. Edwards, E. M. Guyton. The Moderator appointed Elds, W. G. Gray, J. C. Lawhorn and W. H. Hodges Committee on Arrangements

Committee reported the same order of business as last year with the addition of a Com. on Church Discipline. Moderator announced following committees, viz:

ON DEVOTION: D. R. Raper, T. R. Nichols, with deacons of Union

MISSIONS: C. A. Gilbert, S. D. Armstrong, W. H. Leigh.

FRATERNAL DEAD: W. H. Hodges, J. C. Lawhorn, J. M. Tackett

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION: W. F. Gray, S. Armstrong, J. L. Christ

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: T. R. Nichols, Shelly Armstrong, P. M. D

COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING: C. A. Gilbert, W. G. Gray and A. J. Sandlin.

STATE OF RELIGION: W. H. Leigh, W. L. Barnett, P. M. Deaton.

ORPHANAGE: C. A. Gilbert, L. A. Herring, W. L. Barnett.

FINANCE: W. H. Hodges, L. J. Thomas, M. Minga.

Temperance: G. S. Raburn, Y. H. Ivy, B. T. Kitchens.

Publications: J. C. Lawhorn, J. W. McKissack, W. M. Whitaker.

Music: D. R. Raper, Miss Tarlie Stegall, L. J. Thomas.

Sustentation: G. S. Raburn, O. W. Houston, George W. Collum.

Sunday Schools: W. G. Gray, Miss Mary Armstrong, A. F. Phillips.

Discipline: R. S. Sheffield, T. R. Nichols, Y. M. Ivy.

Resolutions: A. S. Brown, S. D. Armstrong and A. F. Phillips.

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JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

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Art. 4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open to discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a question has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

Art. 7. No one shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

Art. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be re-proved by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems necessary.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Sal	Bld. & Reprs	Visiting Mnst	Sunday S. Exp	Associat Mis.	State Missions	Home Mission	Foreign Mis.
Bethel	\$125.00						7.35	4.50
Center Hill	75.00	5.00	4.65				10.50	10.00
Fellowship			14.00	5.05				
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Hopewell	100.00		13.65	1.05				
Liberty	100.00							
Mantachie	X					G		X
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Oak Grove								
Oak Hill	75.00		21.50	6.00				4.10
Plantersville	X		X	X				X
Pleasant Hill							2.25	
Tombigbee			8.00		3.75			
Unity			13.00					
Evergreen	100.00	4.00		6.88		24.50		
Shiloh							1.75	1.80
Temple Chap.								
Union Hill							2.00	
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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday After the 2nd Lord's Day in September, 1915

With the Church at Oak Hill, Lee Co. Miss.,

3 Miles N. E. of Shannon.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION:

J. R. G. Gregory Moderator.....Dorsey Miss.
D. R. Bickerstaff, Clerk.....Dorsey, Miss.
C. S. Gregory, Treasurer.....Ratliff, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

C. A. Gilbert, G. S. Raburn.....Ratliff, Miss.
J. R. G. Gregory, N. T. Clayton, J. B. Loden, E. L. Gillentine,
E. D. Moody, A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray,.....Dorsey, Miss.
Frank Monaghan.....Nettleton, Miss.
W. W. Jarrell,.....Fulton, Miss.
J. C. Lowhorn.....Shannon, Miss.
S. J. Houston.....Baldwyn, Miss.
W. O. Thornley.....Saltillo, Miss.

LICENTIATES:

W. D. Cayson, W. H. Hodges.....Ratliff, Miss.
Oscar Petty.....Plantersville, Miss.
H. Rea.....Nettleton, Miss.

THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION

Met in its Sixty Second Session, with the Church at Friendship, Lee County Miss., Sept, 15th, 1914. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. G. Gray, text. Dan 2:44. theme: Setting up of The Church.

The Association took recess until 1:30 p. m, Benediction by Eld. J. A. Landers. The Association came together by singing, prayer, by Eld. A. E. Sandlin. The Moderator called the roll of churches, letters from the following were handed in and read, Eld. Landers and Bro. R. S. Sheffield acting as reading clerks, letters read and names of messengers enrolled, viz.

FELLOWSHIP: Guy McNiel, Will Philpot, J. C. Hall, W. A. McDonald.

UNITY: J. W. Thornberry, A. J. Herring, Sim Raper, C. L. Furguson.

BOUGAFALA: Jas. Ford, Wm. Shumpert, J. R. G. Gregory, Arch Shumpert

Bethel: N. T. Clayton, J. R. Loden, D. R. Bickerstaff, R. S. Sheffield, R. E. Shumpert, J. M. Tackett.

FRIENDSHIP: A. L. Majors, A. F. Phillips, J. A. Mears, Ivy Barnett.

HOPEWELL: A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray, S. A. Enloe, E. L. Gillentine.

SHILOH: E. W. Hancock, D. F. Richardson, Guy Evans, Otho Houston.

TEMPLE CHAP: John Hatley, E. C. Langston, Chas. Scruggs, N. B. Shands

MT. VERNON: Clovis Griffin, John Jarrall, Jim Waddell, D. B. George.

MANTACHIE: A. S. Kirksey, B. F. Chilcoat, Dan Bailey, M. M. Reece.

Oak Hill: J. C. Lawhorn, Jessie Deaton, Hamp Bass, C. L. Lawhorn,

PLANTERSVILLE: R. G. Biggers, J. Grant, C. G. Rogers, Gussie Grant

CENTER HILL: C. O. Whitehead, W. D. Partlow, Joe Gandy, W. M. Birmingham.

TOMBIGBEE: G. S. Raburn, J. L. Bailey, Harvey Hodges, L. J. Thomas.

OAK GROVE: W. H. Leigh, G. W. McIntosh, W. D. Cayson, J. P. Thornberry

Letters from New Hope and Ballardsville recd. since Association adjourned, names of Messengers as follows: Ballardsville, W. O. Thornley, W. T. Stocton, B. F. Gregory, and G. W. Ballard. New Hope: Tom Huffman, Bud Tucker, Willis Harrison, J. G. Kelly. The Association went into permanent organization which resulted in the election of J. R. G. Gregory, Moderator. D. R. Bickerstaff, Clerk, C. S. Gregory, Treas.

COMMITTEES.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters; letter from Ratliff was handed in, read and by motion the Church was relieved into this Association. The Moderator extended right hand of fellowship to messengers, names of messengers enrolled, viz:

U. S. Gregory, A. E. Hilliard, C. A. Gilbert and T. R. Nichols. Correspondents were called for, none present. Visiting brethren were welcomed and invited to take part in discussions.

Moderator appointed W. G. Gray, N. T. Clayton, and T. R. Nichols Committee on Arrangements. Committee reported some order of business from last year with addition of Committee on Destitution.

Moderator appointed John Bailey, R. S. Sheffield, with Deacons of Friendship Church as Devotional Com. Devotional Committee reported Eld. G. S. Raburn preach tonight and Eld. N. T. Clayton preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The Moderator announced the following Com. on Missions:

C. A. Gilbert, W. G. Gray and J. B. Loden; on Fraternal Dead: W. O. Thornley, Austin Majors and W. T. Stocton.

Ministerial Education: N. T. Clayton, R. S. Sheffield, A. E. Hilliard

Ministerial Support: G. S. Raburn, A. E. Sandlin, S. A. Enloe.

Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning: W. H. Lee, D. F. Richardson, and John Jarrell.

State of Religion: R. G. Biggers, W. D. Cayson, G. W. McIntosh.

Orphanage: C. S. Gregory, J. A. Mears, Ivey Barnett.

Finance: W. G. Gray, R. S. Sheffield, T. R. Nichol.

Temperance: J. P. Thornberry, John Hatley and N. B. Shands.

Publication: W. O. Thornley, W. H. Leigh, A. E. Sandlin.

Music: R. S. Sheffield, J. B. Loden, and W. D. Cayson.

Sustentation: J. W. Thornberry, Harvey Hodges, L. J. Thomas.

Discipline: C. A. Gilbert, T. R. Nichol and C. S. Gregory.

Destitution: W. G. Gray, G. S. Raburn, J. B. Loden.

Resolutions: W. O. Thornley, W. H. Leigh, A. E. Sandlin.

By motion Association adjourned till 9 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, benediction by Eld. W. G. Gray.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment by singing, prayer led by Eld. N. T. Clayton. Minutes of previous day read and approved.

By motion Moderator appointed Com. on Revision of Constitution, viz: C. A. Gilbert, W. G. Gray, G. S. Raburn.

Eld. Thornley read report on Fraternal Dead and after remarks by Elder Clayton et al, report was adopted. Bro. Sheffield read Report on Ministerial Education. After remarks by Eld. Thornley et al, report carried over until afternoon session; the Association took recess until 1 p. m. During recess Eld. Clayton preached a very able sermon, text, Hebrews 6th, 18-19. Theme The Security of The Believer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment by singing and prayer led by Elder Thornley. Report on Ministerial Education was taken up and after remarks by several brethren report was adopted. By motion the speakers were limited to 5 minutes each on remaining reports.

Eld. G. S. Raburn read report on Ministerial Support; after remarks by Eld. Thornley et al report was adopted. Clerk read for Com. Report on Colleges and other Institutions of Learning. After remarks by Eld. Clayton et al report adopted.

By motion this Association endeavors to have a Bible school taught in the bounds of the Association some time the coming Associational year. Moderator appointed Com. to arrange for this school also to confer with Bro. G. S. Anderson of Little Rock, Ark. in regard to teaching said school. Committee: Eld. C. A. Gilbert, A. E. Sandlin, R. S. Sheffield. Clerk read for Com. report on State of Religion. After remarks report adopted.

Clerk read for Com. Report on Temperance. After remarks by Eld. Sandlin and others report was adopted. Bro. Thornberry read report on Sustentation. After remarks by Eld. Clayton et al, motion to adopt was lost. By motion Thursday, at 10 o'clock a.m., be special order of business to select next place of meeting. By motion adjourned till 8:30 a. m. benediction by Eld. Loden.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association came together by singing, prayer led by Eld. Gilbert. Minutes of Wednesday read and approved. Bro. Sheffield read Report on Finance. Com. report adopted. Bro. C. S. Gregory read Report on Orphanage. After remarks by several of the brethren report was adopted. Devotional Com. reports that Eld. J. R. G. Gregory preach today at 11 o'clock. The association went into selection of the next place of meeting which resulted in the selection of Oak Hill as the place and Eld. W. O. Thornley to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Clayton as

alterate. Eld. C. A. Gilbert read Report on Missions. After remarks by several of the brethren report was adopted. Eld. Thornley read Report on Publications and report adopted without remarks. Association took recess till 1 o'clock; during recess Eld J. R. G. Gregory preached a very able and instructive sermon text; 1st Cor. 1-16, theme Scriptural Baptism.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together by singing, prayer led by R. S. Sheffield. By motion the remaining reports be received without discussion. Bro. Sheffield read report on Music, report adopted. Eld. W. G. Gray read report on Sunday Schools which was adopted. Eld. Gilbert read report on revision of Constitution, report adopted. Treasurer's Report read and adopted. By motion bal. of \$3.25 in hands of Treas. be paid to Eld. W. G. Gray for services as Associational Missionary. Eld. Gray read Report on Destitution, report adopted. By motion Eld. Gray be recommended to the Churches as Associational Missionary. By motion Bro. S. A. Enloe be recommended as Sunday School Worker in this Association. Eld. Thornley read resolutions which were adopted. Minutes of today read and approved. A song was sung and the parting hand extended, thus closed a very interesting Session of the Judson Association.

J. R. G. GREGORY, Moderator,

D. R. BICKERSTAFF, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.

On Ministerial Education: We, your Committee, report as follows: That since the ministers of the Gospel are to deliver the Word to every creature, it is necessary that they make thorough preparation to deliver the blessed Word in an intelligent way, that precious souls may be saved by * hearing The Gospel; we would not recommend that boys be sent to college for the purpose of "making ministers" for they must have the divine call, but that the education of all should be encouraged; and when the divine call is felt, that a more thorough preparation be made to carry out the commission:

"Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We also urge the churches of this Association to use their means in assisting young preachers to acquire the necessary preparation in our schools.

Respectfully

N. T. CLAYTON, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: We, your Committee, submit the following: We believe it is the duty of every member of the Church to pay as God has profited him to the support of the Gospel; we are taught in Mathew 10, 10 that they are God's laborers and are worthy of the reward of an hireling. Also Luke 10, 7 confirms the statement. And in Cor. 9, 9-16 we are taught that it is the duty of the Church or churches to see that those that preach the Gospel and bring glad tidings of good things should not want. We believe that God requires us to pay to the support of His cause in proportion as He prospers us, but not as alms as some would have it, but as we would pay a just debt; and that every child of God that refuses to pay of his means that God has blessed him with (let it be much or little) is a robber of God's cause, and will not enjoy the blessings of religion as he otherwise would. Respect,

G. S. RABURN, Chairman.

MISSIONS.

Above seven hundred years before the advent of the Lord Jesus in this world, did Isaiah, the great prophet, look down through the vista of years and point out the men of Galilee carrying the message of Salvation over the rugged mountain top and the valley below. John proclaimed these tidings in the region round about the Jordan. Paul carried the message to Athens and on to the proud empire city of the world. And on down through New Testament times and on until this hour has God called men to carry this gospel to a lost world. Its the gospel of repentance. Its the gospel of faith. Its the gospel of justification. Its the gospel of blood. Its the gospel of redemption. Its heaven's message to poor dying men. If Christ and the Apostles were Baptist, and they were, then it is God's will for Baptist to carry this message * * * to earth's remotest bounds. If Christ established a Baptist church, and he did, then Baptist churches are the only institutions under the starry heavens that are endowed with the divine authority to "go into all the world," "teach all nations," "disciple them," and "baptize them."

If our authority comes from God, and it does then its not from men. If not from men, and it is not, then for men to interfere is to Lord it over God's heritage and be guilty of ecclesiastical robbery.

We praise God for the churches of the Judson Association that have been faithful to this great trust, and who have never submitted to the dictates of men, or compromised with outside organizations.

It does seem the churches, of the Judson Association, are hardly self-sustaining, yet it is gratifying to know that some have endeavored to reach beyond their circles and assist in gospel work in other communities, and, to this end, have contributed to the missionary that was recommended at the last annual meeting.

It is the sense of this committee that we continue in this good work with increased interest and help, believing that missionary work within our bounds claims our attention first and which has already been neglected to the hurt of the cause.

C. A. Gilbert,
W. G. Gray,
J. B. Loden, Committee.

ORPHANAGE.

We are taught in God's word to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but in many instances God in His infinite wisdom sees fit to remove from the walks of men those whose duty it is to bring them up in the way they should go. (to wit: father and mother) leaving this duty and responsibility on others; hence we believe that God has placed this duty and responsibility on His children (His Church.)

And we believe if we fail to do our duty in this respect as God commanded us, in caring for the orphans that exist, God will withhold His blessings from us. Hence we urge that the Church quit saying and doing not; we further recommend that each church establish an orphanage in the church and that each member be asked to contribute at least one nickel per month to that orphanage, to be used to support the orphans in the church or in the community, as they may need, or send to the orphans home, at Jackson, Miss., which home is under the supervision of our worthy brother, J. R. Carter, which may be sent either through the Treasurer of the Association, or by the church brethren direct. Get busy and establish orphanages in the church. Respectfully,

C. S. GREGORY, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Since we are commanded to be temperate in all things, we believe that great care should be used in carrying out this command, that much injury is being felt from the use of narcotics, etc.; and that each church make every effort possible to stop the evil of drinking strong drink, for we believe that the use of strong drink is the direct or indirect cause of nine tenths of all crime committed; and we believe cigarette smoking is a great evil and ought to be stamped out. Respt. submitted.

N. B. Shands, Chairman.

COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

We recommend that our people take more interest in our public schools; that they ever be watchful for the encroachment of that enemy of liberty and all free institutions—*Roman Catholicism*. The teachers of the public schools should be earnest, consecrated children of God, for higher education. We recommend Blue Mountain Female College for girls, and Mississippi Heights Academy, Blue Mt. Miss., also, for young

men. In as much as Dr. G. S. Anderson of Little Rock, Ark. is making it a business to conduct schools in various parts of the country for the benefit of ministers we recommend that this Association secure his services for at least one month during the coming Associational year. We also recommend Jacksonville Baptist College of Jacksonville, Texas. for the Education of young ministers.

Respt. W. H Leigh, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are admonished Eph. 6- 4. to bring up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Solomon said " Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The commission to teach was given to the church, but we find that this duty is being largely neglected, we desire to urge upon the churches the importance of this great work. Paul says Rom.1- 16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? Rom. 10-14, If we fail to teach the gospel to our children it is an evident fact that they shall be eternally lost. Having a knowledge of the foregoing facts and claiming to have the spirit of Christ who came to seek and save that which was lost, shall we content ourselves with conditions as they now exist in our Association.

Respt. W. G. Gray, Chairman.

REPORT ON FRATERNAL DEAD

We find from reports of churches the number of dead is as follows viz; Bethel, sisters Sarah M. Sheffield and Cordelia Barns, Bougaffa, Eld. R. M. Price, Mantachie, brethren, T. Bennett and T. B. Camp. Hopewell, brother J. R. Murrell, Friendship, brethren Jack Finney, J. D. Howerton, and sisters Melvy Phillips and Alice Baily, Unity T. M. Bul-lard, sister Ellen Herring, Mt. Vernon, brother Sam Johnson, Fellow-ship, brother A. Farrar, sister Mittie McKissack, Center Hill, brother Walter Lann, Tombigbee, brother G. Z. Stevens, Oak Hill, sister - - - - Wright, Total 16. It is a fact that death is a common visitor in the homes of Adam's race and all mankind must die. While the death of these brothers and sisters are a loss to to us, it is their eternal gain.,

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the bereaved relatives. It is written, Rev. 14. 13: Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; From henseforth, yea, sayeth the Spirit; they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Respectfully,

W. O. Thornley, Chairman.

Report On Music.

We believe that music is a part of the worship of God, that both vocal and instrumental music should be encouraged in churches; that children be taught to sing, and that good sound devotional songs be used, such as are found in the "Gospel Carols," "Glorious Refrain," "Golden Voices," etc. We suggest that we sing the praises of our Lord and Savior with the spirit and understanding Ps. 28. 7. Respectfully,

R. S. Sheffield, Chairman.

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We find the following destitutions, viz.: 1st. South of Hopewell and southeast of Evergreen; 2nd, from Ballardsville to the railroad between Pleasant Hill and Center Hill; 3rd, in the fork of Twenty-mile and Tombigbee; 4th, between Unity and Buogafala, Mantachie and Pleasant Hill.

Respt.

W. G. Gray, J. B. Loden

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Since it is a fact that the pen and public printing press is doing a great deal in moulding the thought of the people, we should be very careful about the literature that comes in to our homes. We recommend the Baptist Flag, Fulton, Ky. The Baptist, Little Rock, Ark. The Liberator, Magnolia, Ark. and the Land Mark Literature published at Little Rock, Ark., by Land Mark, concerr.

Respt. W. O. Thornley, Chairman.

STATE OF RELIGION

We find the present out look spiritually to be better by examination of reports from different churches. Let us strive to do more to bring about even better condltions spiritually. Respectfully,

W. D. Cayson, Chairman.

CHURCH DICIPLINE.

Its the desire of the Lord Jesus that His Church be presented a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. In 2 3 6, Paul commands diciplin to be exercised, also in 1 Tim. 6; 5, he recapitulates the same command. In the two preceeding verses, a few of the things, among many, are named for which a church should exercise her disciplinary powers and which, if neglected, will cause the very outside world to blaspheme the very doctrines of God's word. Its grievous to think that the Churches are becoming more lax in the matter of dicipline. The committee don't wish to be understood as contending that God's children can so live as to never make any mistakes, or attain to

christian perfection in this life. Neither do we believe it is the part of wisdom to carry every little petit grievance to the church for adjustment, but the gross evils, as indulged in by the world and which are plainly forbidden in God's word, should not be tolerated by the church.

An orderly walking church commands the respect and confidence of the world, and this fact but emphasizes the great need of diciplin. There are two classes of offences in the Bible, and the Bible is equally as clear on how to deal with each class, and the committee urges upon the churches to be more strict in dicipline, if possible, for the glory of the cause and the glory of God.

C. A. Gilbert,
C. S. Gregory,
T. R. Nichols,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that we offer our heart-felt thanks to the church and the community at Friendship for their generous hospitality in entertaining this Association during the time we have been with them and we pray God's richest blessings on you and yours. Respt,

W. O. Thornley,
W. H. Leigh,
A. E. Sandlin.

Committee.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

We, the Baptist churches in the state of Mississippi, having with drawn from the following associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek, and having formed a separate association, herein agree to the following regulations for the purpose of maintaining harmony and order in all matters as pertains to the interest of the association, as is the custom of all like associations.

ART. 1. This association is to be composed of such churches as may see cause to enlist, which are of like faith and order that represent by messengers, or letter.

ART. 2 The letters from the churches are expected to express the number of male and female members; number received by letter, by statement, by experience and baptism, or restored; number dismissed by letter, or excluded; deaths since last meeting of association; the names of pastor and clerk and their respective offices, and such other matter as the respective churches may see cause to report.

ART. 3. Such a group of co-operating churches are to be recognized as the Judson Association, and messengers, when convened, shall not have power to Lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the in-

ternal rights of the churches composing the association, but are to be only an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The association may refuse co-operation with any church that departs from any of the orthodox principles of the gospel, either in faith and practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

ART. 4. Every church in the association is entitled to three messengers and one alternate. Should any church neglect to represent in any of the annual meetings she will be expected to report the reason in her next letter to the association.

Art. 5. New churches are to be admitted into the association who petition by letter and messengers. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order, the recognition thereof will be manifested by the moderator extending to the messengers of the petitionary church the right hand.

Art. 6. This association agrees to be governed by rules of decorum of their own adoption.

Art. 7. The messengers, when assembled, may elect a moderator from among themselves, whose duty it will be to see that the rules of decorum are observed and take the voice of the messengers on all questions that may be introduced. Also the messengers will elect a clerk, whose duty it will be to keep true record of the meeting and to prepare and have published such records at the expense of the association.

Art. 8. No query will be received for consideration of the association until the church introducing it, has made reasonable effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

Art. 9. The association is expected to keep a fund for the support of the same, which is to be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches; and sent in by their messengers, which money is to be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, elected by the messengers of the association, who is to be accountable to the association for all the money received by him as Treasurer.

Art. 10. The messengers, in all cases, are to be governed by a majority of all present, except in recognition of, and withdrawing co-operation from churches, which is to be unanimous.

Art. 11. The association may correspond with other associations as may be agreed on at any annual meeting of messengers.

Art. 12. It is the duty of the messengers to elect a minister to preach the introductory sermon, with an alternate at each succeeding session; also time and place of next meeting.

Art. 13. No charge will be received against any church of the association only when established by a sister church.

ART. 14. These regulations may be altered, or amended, at any time by two-thirds of the churches composing the association.

ART. 15. The minutes of each respective annual meeting of the messengers, are to be read, adopted signed by the moderator and clerk of the meeting.

ART. 16. All questions where in the sovereignty of the churches are involved, are to be submitted to the churches for final action.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of Faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God, that these three persons in this one God, the Father the Son and Holy Spirit, this triune God is the only object of all religious worship, and idolatry is an abomination in His sight.

3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence all his posterity are involved in the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have all sinned.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of His Son; that this way of salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness before God.

8. We believe the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is a great agent in convincing man of his lost condition, and to making the gospel plain acceptable to Him.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called the saints through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11. We believe that Christ's churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man or number of men distinct from the body, but it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week called the Lord's Day is sanctified and set apart for the worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God, as He in His providence, may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His churches, viz; Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That baptism is emersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism preceeds the Lord's Supper and that none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a question has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

ART. 7. No one shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; nor more than twice

upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be re-proved by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems necessary.

FINANCIAL TABLE.	Colleges & Sec	Pastors Salary	Bld & repairs	Visiting min.	Expenses	Assnt Missions	State Missions	Home Mission	Frgn Missions	Val. ch. prot	Orphanage	Minutes & Clk
Bethel				50								2.00
Bougafala								1.00				1.00
Ballardsville	150						41.52	8.65		13.25		2.00
Center Hill	100		23.20	2.55			10.50	10.50	600	23.		1.25
Fellowship												1.30
Friendship			10.80	22.30			2.25		600			1.25
Hopowell	100		8.25				4.50					1.50
Mantachie	125.00									800		1.00
Mt. Vernon	31.15											.85
Oak Hill	95.00		8.50	7.60					600			2.00
Oak Grove	100.00											1.50
Ratliff	150.00		34.25	6.12	6.50				1500.00			1.50
Shiloh									100.00			1.50
Tombigbee			15.00					2.45				1.00
Temples C.	30.00		7.00	2.50								1.50
Unity									400.00			1.00
New Hope	25.00		10.00	4.00		1.75	2.85	3.05				1.30
Plants v. 65	150.00		28.00			26.57	9.00	45.00			10.00	1.55

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	Baptized	Recd. by L.	Restored	Total increase	Disin. by L.	Excluded	Total decrease	Mems this yr	Sunday S	No. of Pupils	No. Teachers	Days meeting	Total last yr	Deaths
Belhel	N. T. Clayton	Dorsey	4	2		4		6	8	240				2nd 244	2	
Bougafala	J. R. G. Gregory	"					4			62				4th	1	
Ballardsville	W. O. Thornley	Saltillo	3	8						81				3d		
Centre Hill	J. R. Russell	Walter's					7			114	1	45	2		121	
Fellowship	J. H. Jenkins	Tupelo	7	1	3	11	2	8	12	170				2nd 168	2	
Friendship	W. O. Thornley	Saltillo	2	6	1	9				114				109	4	
Hopewell	N. T. Clayton	Dorsey	8	5	3	16	3	1	5	202				4th 191	1	
Mantachle	J. A. Landers	Saltillo								83					85	2
Mc. Vernon	G. S. Raburn	Railiff	3		2	5				66					61	1
Oak Hill	Luther Wages	Shannon	20	6		26				165	1	65		1st		
Oak Grove	W. O. Thornley	Saltillo	6	3			51	1		131						
Railiff	C. A. Gilbert	Railiff	14	6						60	1	76	5	4th	51	
Shiloh	L. D. Roberts	Baldwyn	2	3		5	3			58	1	48	4			
Tombigbee	J. T. Robertson	Railiff	2				1			76				2nd		
Temple Chp.	J. C. Lawhorn	Shannon	20	10		30				60	1	60	5		30	
Unity	W. O. Thornley	Saltillo	5	2	1	8	6	1	9	99					100	2
New Hope	W. Coggin	Tupelo	2	7			7			37	1	39	4			
Plantersville	J. A. Landers	Saltillo	11			10	1			37						

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Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning—J. E. Cummings, Eb. Baldwin, M. M. Gray.

Destitution—J. B. Loden, W. H. Leigh, F. E. Bean

State of Religion—Holbert Barnett, W. C. Nichols, G. W. Curbow.

Orphanage—B. E. Bourland, J. W. Gann, Herbert Magers.

Finance—W. D. Cayson, J. W. Thornberry, D. R. Raper.

Temperance—B. F. Chilcoat, A. G. Hodges, D. F. Richardson.

By motion to adjourn until 8:30 tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer led by J. E. Bird. The minutes were read and adopted.

The report on Missions read:

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following: Jesus said, "Go teach all nations." We understand that this command was given to the church; therefore, every brother and sister is responsible to do something for the spread of the Gospel. We believe that our first duty is to our home work, since the Lord said "Lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes." We should first see that our own associational field is thoroughly worked, and then go as far as we can into other fields.

N. F. CLAYTON,
H. C. CRUBER,
S. S. HOUSTON.

After remarks by W. O. Thornley, J. E. Bird, G. S. Rabin, W. T. Clayton, A. E. Sandlin, S. S. Houston, it was adopted.

The report of Sunday Schools read:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: Since the Sunday School is a special teaching service, we regard it the duty of every Church to be engaged in Sunday School work, for we are admonished to train our children in the way they should go, and that they will not depart when they are old. Therefore, we urge the churches to take a greater interest in the Sunday School work.

We are sorry to note in our Association that there has been such little interest in the Sunday School work.

If the minds of our children are not informed with Bible knowledge, they are poorly prepared to listen to the preacher when he preaches.

So let us awake to a sense of our responsibility and go to work in the interest of the Sunday School work. We call attention to the commission given in Matt., 28:19-21.

W. O. THORNLEY,
A. J. MORRIS,
J. C. RAPER.

After an excellent lecture by J. E. Bird, the committee report was adopted.

Recess until 2 p. m.

The Association was opened by singing and prayer.

Report of Committee on Destitutions was read as follows: That there are several places in the bounds of this Association partially destitute of the Gospel, and we recommend that the Association send help to such destitutions, that Word may be sent to the remotest bounds for the salvation of the lost.

J. B. LODEN,
W. H. LEIGH,

F. E. BEENE.

After remarks by W. O. Thornley and J. B. Loden, it was adopted.

By motion, it was agreed that the deacons of Churches composing this Association collect a home mission fund and pay same to the treasurer or to the missionary and report to the treasurer; also that each Church designate the place for the missionary work to be done, and who should do the work.

By motion, that J. E. Bird be invited to speak on any subject suitable to himself. The subject which was used in response to the invitation was the \$75,000,000 Baptist drive.

By motion, the time (1 o'clock tomorrow) was set to locate place of next meeting and the one to preach the introductory sermon.

The Association adjourned until 8:30 tomorrow.

J. B. Loden preached at night. Text: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew, and also the Greek."

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association opened with a song. Prayer was led by G. S. Raburn.

By motion, speeches were limited to five minutes and one speech to each subject.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead reported as follows:

We find we have lost twenty-three members, as follows:

Liberty—Sister Mattie Magness, Bro. Lesley Feull.

Hopewell—Bro. J. W. Barrett, Bro. W. A. Morse, Bro. Willie Harper, Sister Fannie Barrett.

Pleasant Hill—Bro. J. N. Christian, Bro. J. H. Hipps.

Mt. Vernon—Bro. J. W. Morgan, Sister Kitchen.

Mantachie—Sister J. A. Dodson,, Sister Susie Raburn.

Fellowship—W. C. Bynum, Sister Lavona Bickerstaff.

Ratliff—Willie Young.

Friendship—Sister S. J. Means, Sister Inie Horton, Sister Laller Hill.

Unity—Sister Margaret Farrar, Bro. L. J. Davidson.

Oak Grove—Sister J. R. Wigington.

Bethel—Bro. J. R. McMillen, Sister Florence Davis.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; henceforth they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them.”

Respectfully submitted,

W. WOOD,
G. M. BAILEY,
W. C. NICHOLS.

After remarks by S. S. Houston, G. S. Raburn, R. S. Sheffield, A. G. Magers, W. H. Rouse, J. H. Worthy, W. G. Gray, J. W. Thornberry, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Music reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Music, beg leave to report that we know that sacred music is of divine origin, for we read in Job 38:7, that when the foundation of the earth was laid the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.

Being of divine origin, music has a power over the soul that cannot be equaled; it drives the truth of God to the soul of man in a way that his hardened heart is broken, and he seeks God's forgiveness. Through music, we express the gladness and sadness of the soul.

In Acts, 16:25, we read where Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God; and the prison doors were opened and the prisoners' hands were loosed.

It is said that music is the medicine of the breaking

heart and the balm of the wounded spirit, the nurse of the infant soul and the solace of old age; it brings back our buried hopes and garners our sweetest memories; it sweeps away the dust of everyday life and freshens and gladdens courage for the toils and the conflicts of tomorrow; it is the friend of pleasure and a helper of wisdom; it subdues evil and intensifies good.

Sacred music is a part of the worship of God, and we recommend that good, sound devotional songs be used in church service.

We earnestly urge that the Churches have sacred music taught and directed in their Churches by Christian teachers and leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. RAPER,
J. R. BICKERSTAFF,
A. E. SANDLIN.

After remarks by W. O. Thornley, D. R. Raper, G. S. Raburn, W. H. Leigh, A. E. Sandlin, B. E. Bourland, W. G. Gray, J. W. Thornberry, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning reported as follows:

Christian Education is one of the greatest things on earth. It not only fits us for this life, but by studying the Bible, God's way of salvation, we learn the greatest and sweetest story that was ever told. It gives us the desired satisfaction and hope and knowledge of a home where we will live eternally with Christ.

If we should have no education of any kind, we would soon run back to heathenism.

Thus it becomes very important that we educate our children and that this education be in the true way, which not only leads to better things in this life, but to that eternal home where God is.

We, therefore, recommend the following colleges, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; Mississippi Heights Academy, Blue Mt., Miss., for boys; Blue Mt. College, Blue Mt., Miss., for girls; and Jacksonville, Tex., for both sexes.

Then, for the study of the word of God there is nothing better than the Sunday School, which should be in every Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CUMMINGE,
M. M. GRAY,
EB. BALDWIN.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, report as follows:

Knowing that when God calls men to preach they are going to have to meet all kinds of critics, even those who are educated, who oppose God's word, so the better our ministers are educated the better they can meet the opposition, and, as Paul said to Timothy, we urge our ministering brethren to study the Word, for to know God's Word is the most important thing, for by a knowledge of the Word we are thoroughly furnished unto all good work.

We believe our Churches ought to assist our ministers in educating themselves for this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. RABURN,
W. E. WALKER,
J. H. WORTHY.

Read and adopted.

The Committee on Orphanage reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Orphanage, report as follows:

We believe that it is the duty of the Church to care for the orphans, for we read in the Scriptures: "Pure and undefiled religion is to visit the widow and fatherless and keep himself unspotted from the world."

We recommend to the Association to contribute to the Baptist orphanages of the State, and so lessen the burden of the superintendent.

B. E. BOURLAND,
J. W. GANN,
HERBERT MAGERS.

After remarks by W. O. Thornley, G. S. Raburn, R. S. Sheffield, W. G. Gray, B. E. Bourland, the report was adopted.

A public collection was taken for the children of Bro. and Sister C. N. Davis, deceased, when \$13.27 was collected and sent to them by W. G. Gray.

After remarks by W. O. Thornley, G. S. Raburn, R. S. Sheffield, W. G. Gray, B. E. Bourland, the report was adopted.

At 11 o'clock, S. S. Houston preached. Text: "Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the Ghost." Matt., 27:50.

Recess was taken until 1 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The Association opened with a song. Prayer was led by J. H. Worthy.

The place of next meeting, Shiloh. W. O. Thornley to preach the Introductory Sermon. W. G. Gray, alternate.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported as fol-

lows:

We believe the state of religion in the bounds of this Association is in a sad condition of affairs.

There seems to be a lukewarm condition in many of our Churches, for we learn from the reports from the Churches that there is very little done in caring for the pastors or missionaries, hence a loss of interest; in fact, there seems to be very little done for any of the duties involved upon them, so we urge the Churches to awake to a sense of their duties and go to work.

HOLBERT BARNETT.

Read and adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2.25
Home Missions.....	27.16
State Missions.....	2.00
Orphanage	13.00
Minutes and Clerk	30.61
Total.....	<u>\$75.05</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CAYSON,
D. R. RAPER,
J. W. THORNBERRY.

Read and adopted.

The Committee on Publications reported as follows:

Of all books that are published, we think that the Bible is the precious one that should be read often and meditated upon most by all.

As Baptists, we also believe that we should keep abreast

of the times by reading such publications as are wholesome and calculated to educate us along these lines. We should avoid such as would have a tendency to poison our minds. We should see that our children or any one in our care are supplied with good literature.

A. E. SANDLIN,
S. S. HOUSTON,
E. T. GRISSOM.

Read and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

Since we are commanded to be temperate, we believe great care should be used in carrying out this command; that much injury is being felt from the use of narcotics, etc., and the Churches make every effort possible to stop the evil of strong drink; for we believe that the use of strong drink is the direct cause of nine-tenths of all crime committed.

We believe cigarette smoking is a great evil and ought to be stopped.

We ask each Church to use every effort possible to assist our officers and the law to put a stop to strong drink.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. CHILCOAT,
A. G. HODGES,
D. F. RICHARDSON.

Read and adopted.

The Committee on Sustentation reported as follows:

We do not know of any who need assistance. We recommend that if any of the Churches find those who are

in destitute circumstances that it is our duty to help them.

J. B. LODEN,
J. H. WORTHY.

Read and adopted.

The Committee on Discipline reported as follows:

We believe the authority to discipline is invested in the Church alone and the Scriptures teach strict discipline of its members, for we find this: "Withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly. Mark them that cause division among you, and have no company for them," and many other things that lead us to believe that God wants his Churches in decency and in order.

We also believe these duties have been badly neglected all over this Association. So we urge the Churches to awake to this special duty.

Read and adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial Support reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, report as follows:

Paul said: "They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel;" also he said: "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and Jesus said: "Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn." From these Scriptures we see that the Churches are duty bound to aid and support the Gospel. 1st. Should live; 2nd. Is worthy, and 3rd. Should eat while at work.

We insist that the Churches get busy about this part of our Lord's business and loosen our pastor's hands so he can do work in the Master's vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MORRIS.

Read and adopted.

By motion, it was agreed that all minute fund be paid to the clerk to print minutes and to pay the clerk.

By motion, W. Wood was elected General Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For Foreign Missions	\$ 2.25
For Home Missions	27.16
For State Misions	2.00
For Orphanage	13.00
For Minutes and Clerk	30.61
Total	\$75.05
Amount paid Clerk	30.61
Balance	\$44.44

W. H. LEIGH.

Read and adopted.

By motion, to ask Church which sent in mission fund to instruct the Treasurer for what purpose same is to be used.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to this Church and community for their kind hospitality towards us during this session of the Association.

M. M. GRAY,
G. S. RABURN,
W. WOOD.

A song was sung and the parting hand given. Thus closed the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Judson Association.

ELD. W. G. GRAY, Moderator.
R. S. SHEFFIELD, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

We, the United Baptist Church in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of all Associations, according to the following plan:

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white male and female members; time of meeting; number of Baptists received by letter; restored, dismissed by letter; excluded; died since last Association; the name of pastor and postoffice.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from any of the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

Art. 4. Every church in our Union may be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for every 100 members above 100 or fraction thereof; should any neglect to present herself, she shall state the reason in her next letter to the Association.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body, who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to

manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

Art. 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

Art. 7. This Association shall elect a Moderator annually from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also, a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

Art. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

Art. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, and which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, elected by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him as Treasurer.

Art. 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

Art. 11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also time and place for next Association.

Art. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union only when established by a sister church.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches comprising

this body.

Art. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association finally adjourns

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures teach there is but one living and true God, that these three persons in this one God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and this triune God is the only object of all religious worship, and idolatry is an abomination in His sight.

3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence all his posterity are involved in the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have all sinned.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son; that this way of salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness before God.

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the gospel plain and acceptable to him.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called the saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11. We believe that Christ's churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change in heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man or number of men distinct from the body, but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week called the Lord's Day, is sanctified and set apart for the worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting; trifling conversation of labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God, as He in His providence, may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His churches, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That Baptism is the emersion, in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

Art. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an op-

portunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

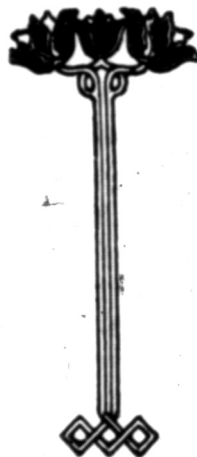
Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

Art. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reprovved by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems it necessary.



STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Sunday S. Expenses	Membership	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Value of Church Property	Orphanage	Minutes and Clerk	Incidentals	Clerk & P. O. —
Bethel	N. T. Clayton, Dorsey, Miss	2nd	223 \$106.35	\$23.85					\$300.00		\$3.40		R. S. Sheffield, Dorsey, Miss
Bullardsville													
Boughfalu	J. R. Gullett, Baldwyn, Miss	1st	175	100.00	16.75	5.00	4.12	1000.00	1000.00	1.00	1.00	6.00	Ell Bynum, Saltillo, Miss.
Fellowship	W. O. Thornley, Dorsey, Miss	2nd	151	120.35		1.50		550.00	550.00	3.00	3.00		Holbert Barnett, Baldwyn, Miss.
Friendship	N. T. Clayton, Dorsey, Miss	4th	\$1.75	234	141.75	10.80	8.65	1500.00	1500.00	2.35	2.35	201.25	M. M. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.
Hopewell	W. O. Thornley, Saltillo, Miss		92	160.00		12.00	2.25	1000.00	1000.00	2.85	2.85		B. F. Chilcoat, Ratliff, Miss.
Mantachle	W. O. Thornley, Saltillo, Miss		34			6.35				1.50	1.50		Jim Manney, Baldwyn, Miss.
Mt. Zion	W. O. Thornley, Saltillo, Miss	1st	133	125.00		6.35		1000.00	1000.00	3.40	3.35	37.79	I. T. Rushing, Ratliff, Miss.
Oak Grove	J. R. G. Gregory, Mooreville, Miss.	1st	7.50	100.00	72.00			1500.00	1500.00		2.15	2.10	W. R. Nichols, Ratliff, Miss.
Ratliff	J. T. Roberson, Fulton, Miss.		90			6.69					1.00		Z. N. Hodges, Ratliff, Miss.
Tombigbee	N. T. Clayton, Dorsey, Miss.	1st	105	55.00	10.00			1000.00	1000.00		3.00		A. M. Sims, Tupelo, Miss.
Pleasant Hill	W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss.	2nd	2.75	45	50.00			600.00	600.00		1.50		O. W. Houston, Marietta, Miss.
Shiloh	A. J. Darling, Nettleton, Miss		183	40.00				700.00	700.00		1.70		R. L. Ridings, Nettleton, Miss.
Liberty													
Mt. Vernon													
Evergreen													
Unity	W. G. Gray, Dorsey, Miss	3rd	47		20.00						2.50		D. R. Raper.

Guntown Miss.

For State Missions, Fellowship \$2.00.

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